

# COUNTY OF HAWAII

## *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed on July 26, 1990 to ensure the civil rights of individuals with disabilities; and

*WHEREAS*, the County of Hawai'i affirms the principles of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer; and

*WHEREAS*, the County of Hawai'i supports an ADA Coordinator/Equal Opportunity Officer in the Department of Human Resources, and an ADA Specialist in the Department of Parks and Recreation who work closely with the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities; and

*WHEREAS*, the County of Hawai'i has established a partnership with the Hawai'i Centers for Independent Living and the ARC of Hilo in the development and operations of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC); and

*WHEREAS*, the County of Hawai'i works with numerous organizations in Hawai'i County with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and

*WHEREAS*, July 26, 2010 celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILLY KENOI, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2010, as

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in the County of Hawai'i and encourage all citizens to affirm the principles of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities in order to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that is the right of every American.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2010 in Hilo, Hawai'i.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Billy Kenoi".

Billy Kenoi  
MAYOR